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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte KAWATA TOMOHIRO and MITOBE KUNIO

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Appeal No. 2002-0351  
Application No. 08/931,615

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**ORDER REMANDING TO THE EXAMINER**

On January 21, 2003, applicant filed a Petition under 37 CFR § 1.183 (Paper No. 29). There is no indication that the petition has been considered. The Petition needs to be considered by the Technology Center.

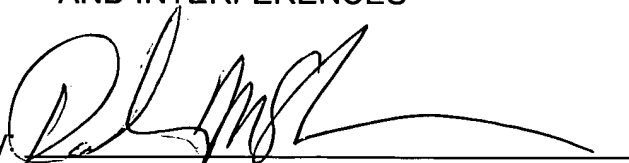
Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application be remanded to the examiner for appropriate consideration of the Petition, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be promptly informed of any action affecting the appeal in this case.

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